

Description of Faunal Communities and Rare Animal Populations:

An animal survey was not conducted at this site. However, numerous forest interior birds that are indicator species for large parcels of forested habitat were noted during the botanical survey. These species include Polioptila caerulea (Blue-gray gnatcatcher), Vireo olivaceus (Red-eyed vireo), Hylocichla mustelina (Wood thrush), and Seiurus aurocapillus (Ovenbird).

Management/Protection Recommendations:

Fanning Rock is vulnerable to timbering and commercial development. Protection recommendations include placing a conservation easement on the site that protects the riparian buffer and removes timbering rights from the high quality forest. Management recommendations include restoring the riparian buffer next to the corn field.